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S.B. 1103, An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence, Automated Decision-Making and Personal Data Privacy

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch concerning **S.B. 1103**, *An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence*, *Automated Decision-Making and Personal Data Privacy*. The Judicial Branch does not take a stance on the policies furthered by this bill generally, however, we do have separation of powers concerns.

The bill would establish the Office of Artificial Intelligence within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). This office would be charged with, among other responsibilities, "developing and establishing ... procedures for use by state agencies in designing, utilizing and procuring automated systems," and reviewing and inventorying all automated systems that were developed, utilized or procured by state agencies. The Judicial Branch, as an independent branch of government, performs all its own human resource, information technology, and other administrative services. To have DAS oversee such a function for the Judicial Branch would be inappropriate. Consequently, we respectfully request that the bill redefine "state agency" pursuant to section 4-40b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as this definition does not include the Judicial Branch.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.